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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: SIILASVUO'S CURRENT VIEWS

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1. SIILASVUO'S VERSION OF HIS APRIL 24 MEETINGS IN BEIRUT CLOSELY  
PARALLELS ACCOUNT IN REFTEL.

2. AMBASSADOR PARKER IS CORRECT SIILASVUO DOES NOT COUNT ON VERY  
MUCH HELP FROM GOL. STILL, HE WANTS TO DO WHATEVER CAN BE DONE  
TO RESTORE SOME SEMBLANCE OF GOL AUTHORITY IN THE SOUTH. IN HIS  
MEETINGS, SIILASVUO URGED A GRADUAL REINTRTDUCTION OF GOL CIVIL  
AUTHORITY AS ISRAEL WITHDRAWS. INTERIOR MINISTER SALMAN SAID THERE  
WAS ALREADY A "SOUS-PREFET3 AT TYRE AND A COMPARABLE OFFICIAL COULD  
BE SENT TO TIBNINE. SIILASVUO ALSO URGED A "SOU-PREFET" BE SENT  
TO THE NORWEGIAN SECTOR AS WELL.

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3. SIILASVUO INDICATED HE WAS NOT OVERLY OPTIMISTIC MANY OF  
THE ALLEGED 350 INACTIVE GENDARMES IN THE SOUTH WOULD HEED THE  
CALL TO DUST OFF THEIR UNIFORMS IF SO INSTRUCTED. IN THE MEAN-  
TIME, HE URGED INTERIOR MINISTER SALMON AND COL HAJJ TO SEND  
AT LEAST 40 TRAINED GENDARMES FROM OTHER AREAS TO SOUTH LEBANON  
AND HE IS SOMEWHAT HOPEFUL A CERTAIN NUMBER WILL APPEAR.

(HOWEVER, HAJJ SHOWED GREAT SENSITIVITY TO POSSIBILITY GENDARMES MIGHT BECOME ENGAGED IN FIGHTING.)

4. GENDARMES, IN SIILASVUO'S VIEW, WOULD WORK WITH UNIFIL UNITS TO KEEP OUT ARMED HOSTILE ELEMENTS AND TO CONDUCT SEARCHES AS WELL AS GO ON PATROLS. AS FOR SUGGESTIONN OF UN CIVIL POLICE, HE WANTS TO CONSIDER THE MATTER FURTHER.

5. SIILASVUO RECOGNIZES THAT GOL, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT, WILL NOT TAKE PART IN HIGH LEVEL MEETING WITH ISRAELIS.

6. AS FOR "GOOD FENCE", HE BELIEVES OPEN BORDER MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE MAINTAINED BY UNFIIL ALONG ADL WITH GOL PRESENCE SOMEWHAT REMOVED FROM VICINITY.

7. MAIN QUESTION, HE ACKNOWLEDGED, IS WHAT PALESTINIANS DO AFTER FIRST SIGNIFICANT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TAKES PLACE AROUND APRIL 30. WHEN I PROBED IF ARAFAT HAD GIVEN ANY COMMITMENT TO SYG, SIILASVUO PAUSED AND SAID HE HAD AVOIDED SAYING YES OR NO AS TO THE CEASEFIRE. (NEVERTHELESS, I HAD THE IMPRESSION ARAFAT GAVE SOME KIND OF COMMITMENT RE NO INFILTRATION.) IN CAIRO THE PREVIOUS DAY, WHEN SIILASVUO TOLD GAMASY ABOUT ARAFAT'S DISCUSSION WITH SYG, GAMASY WISHED SIILASVUO LUCK IN PREVENTING INFILTRATION.

8. COMMENT: SIILASVUO FOUND LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR PARKER  
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WAS BOTH PROFITABLE AND A PLEASURE. DURING HIS BEIRUT DISCUSSIONS, KHOURY WAS SILENT THROUGHOUT.  
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